(e) the details including number of refilled cooking gas cylinders distributed for the last three years through various public sector companies Kerala, district-wise, years-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) With a view to monitoring and minimising unauthorised usage of domestic LPG, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have started strict scheduling and monitoring of supplies to their distributors throughout the country, including Kerala, since June 2004.

On account of regulated supplies to distributors, in certain markets, rush of refill booking may cause a time gap between the date of refill booking and date of refill supply. However, in such cases, necessary corrective action is taken by OMCs. OMCs have reported that they are meeting full requirement of their genuine LPG customers in various districts of Kerala.

(e) The number of domestic LPG cylinders sold by OMCs in Kerala during the period 2002-03 to 2004-05 has been as follows:

Year	No. of Cylinders (in lakh)
2002-03	196.6
2003-04	267.8
2004-05	310.5

Crop Insurance Scheme for Orissa

*30. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crop insurance companies are showing little interest in Orissa resulting in a raw deal to it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the mandate of the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme is to restore the credibility of a farmer in the event of his crop failure, whereas a vast majority of the farming community in Orissa has been left outside its ambit; and

(c) the action plan of Government to make the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme expand its coverage in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AICL) is the only company which underwrites crop insurance under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS). Orissa is one of the important States from the view-point of crop-insurance. During Kharif 2004, approximately 22% of total number of farmers have been covered in Orissa under NAIS against a coverage of 11% at the national level. AICL has made special efforts to expeditiously settle the claims upto Kharif 2004 to restore the creditability of farmers, which is one of the ojectives of NAIS. The season-wise details of progress of NAIS in Orissa are given in the statement, (see below)

(c) AICL has planned to give wide publicity using various modes like advertisement through newspapers, radio, television, wall paintings, posters, calendars, pamphlets, addressing various meetings of farmers, putting up exhibitions at State level and local fairs etc. to further expand the coverage of NAIS in Orissa.

Statement

Coverage of national agricultural insurance scheme in the State of Orissa

(Rs. in lakh)

Season	*Farmer Covere*	*Sum Insured*	*Premium*	*Total Claims*	*Claims Paid*	*Claims Payabl*	*Farmers Benefitte*
Rabi 1990-	23283	13096	228.45	0.17	0.17	0.00	15
Kharif200	68241	42811.3	1123.0	10536.0	10536.0	0.00	349406
Rabi 2000-	124202	9074.2	185.62	153.56	153.56	0.00	25759
Kharif	62761	39986.5	1022.2	225.89	225.8	0.00	11113
Rabi 2001-	21216	16557.7	331.84	108.19	108.19	0.00	18541
Kharif	120484	106556.7	2985.6	24402.9	24402.9	0.00	839345
Rabi 2002-	142871	12981.2	254.38	118.94	118.9	0.00	16799
Kharif	63830	54004.7	1381.61	1820.9	1820.9	0.00	38194
Rabi 2003-	20269	19037.4	336.79	9.82	9.82	0.00	1335
Kharif	872551	89775.3	2549.5	1468.8	1468.8	0.00	45657
Rabi 2004-	21085	22967.5	498.58		not available		
TOTAL (Orissa)	515135	426849.8	10897.7	38845.3	38845.3	0.00	1346164
All India	589061	5346592.	170206	572329.	525926.	46402.	1910239